GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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CORRUPTION IN NEW INDIA ASSURANCE CO.LTD.
BHERU LAL MEENA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any report from New India Assurance Co.Ltd. after prolonged investigations by its Vigilance Department on several complaints of large scale corruption in DO-310900, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay;

(c) whether complaints have also been received against the Vigilance Department of the Company for not taking any action against officials for years together even after prima-facie corruption cases are made out by the Regional Vigilance Officers or operation cover up in proved corruption cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of cases pending for action by CVO of the Company as on date and reasons therefor in each case; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for fair and prompt action by the Vigilance Department of the Company?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Investigation Report has highlighted certain irregularities on the part of some officials of DO-310900.The report has been examined by the Vigilance Department of the Insurance Company and the matter stands referred to Central Vigilance Commission for its First Stage Advice.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. Such complaints have been received. However, it is not true that the Investigation Reports of Vigilance Officers are kept pending for years at Head Office, Vigilance DepartmentAll complaints, as and when received, are investigated for appropriate action and there is no covering up of proven cases of corruption. No Investigation report is pending with Chief Vigilance Officer as on date.

(e): On receipt of the Investigation reports from Vigilance Officers, the same are scrutinised by the Vigilance Department at Head Office and appropriate action is taken promptly. Whenever irregularities are found substantiated, suitable action is initiated against the officials concerned.